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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, August 01, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Katie Sullivan, Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegaus

Absent: Ann Haddad, Sarah White

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director; Diane Bednarski, Deputy Director; Frank Camacho, Technology Resources Program Manager; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Ann McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

Ms. Barrow introduced Misty Jones as the new Deputy Director of the Central Division, and Frank Camacho as the Library's new Technology Resources Program Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 06, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Ann McDonald

The Umbrella Friends annual meeting will be held Saturday, September 8 at 9:30 am at the Mission Valley Branch Library. Volunteers from branch libraries will be honored, and three winners from the City-wide essay contest will read their essays. Recently 250 children attended a Summer Reading Program at the Mission Hills Branch Library! The Friends continue to work on the memorial for John McAllister.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Deborah Barrow

Some funding for literacy programs has been allocated in the State's FY 2013 budget. SDPL Deputy Director Diane Bednarski is the new chair for Serra. Ms. Bednarski is working with other Serra Directors and an outside consultant to develop a new model for Serra to provide services to all member libraries.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Steve Hawkesworth

The Foundation continues to host monthly donor tours at the new Central Library construction site.

The community phase of the new Central Library campaign is projected to launch late this fall. Inscribed bricks in the courtyard will be part of the campaign, and all levels of donors will be encouraged to participate. Mr. Hawkesworth thanked Commissioner Sullivan for her work on the campaign.

The Foundation is actively pursuing funding opportunities for the Skyline Hills and Mission Hills branch libraries.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE & BUDGET UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- Ms. Barrow thanked the commissioners for participating in the recent meetings with each Council Office where they presented the Library's Budget Priorities for FY 2013.
- On June 11, 2012 Council approved the Mayor's FY 2013 Budget which included adding more hours to the Library's budget. Beginning in September, 3 operational hours will be added to the Branch Libraries, and 5 operational hours will be added to the Central Library. The additional hours added to the Central Library will enable it to re-open on Saturdays.
- Ms. Barrow thanked Council Member Zapf for generously providing funding for the San Diego Circuit fees for FY 2012 and FY 2013 (start-up and annual fee), which will allow the San Diego Public Library to become an active member in the Circuit.
- The Summer Reading Program is in its 89th year and continues to be a huge success. The Mountain View/Beckwourth branch library had approximately 1,000 children attend one event which was held on their lawn, and about 450 children attended another event featuring a reading by Padres outfielder Chris Denorfia and a check donation from Ashford University.

- Google Maps contacted the San Diego Public Library and is working with us to create indoor navigation maps for the current Central Library, the new Central Library, and all of our Branch Libraries. The maps will allow library users to use Google Maps on their mobile phones to find specific places in a library or get indoor walking directions.
- Ms. Barrow gave an overview of the power point presentation she discussed at the Library's staff meeting earlier that day. The meeting was a celebration of the Library's accomplishments for the past year and what to look forward to in the coming year.
- Ms. Barrow shared the good news that the Library's budget for FY 2013 is \$39.2 million, and the FTE is 408, as compared to FY 2012 budget where it was \$37.2 million, and the FTE was 359.

Motion

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the commissioners send a letter to Council Member Zapf thanking her for her far reaching vision in generously providing funding for the San Diego Circuit fees for FY 2012 and FY 2013 (start-up and annual fee), which will allow the San Diego Public Library to become an active member in the Circuit.

The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Salvatore Giametta

Commissioner Giametta thanked the commissioners for their input in creating the list of the Library's Budget Priorities for FY 2013, and for attending the meetings at each Council office where the list was presented.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Deborah Barrow

Ms. Barrow gave an update on the new Central Library. Staff continues to investigate the feasibility of hiring a building manager for the new building, and the opening and operation of a library café. Also under consideration is the Central Friends proposal for a bookstore. The Shelving Package for the New Central Library is currently out to bid, and the Furniture Package will go out to bid soon. The last sail was installed on July 3, and work continues on installing the shade panels on the sails.

10.c Legislative Update

None.

10.b Budget Update

See Director's Update.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Deborah L. Barrow

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